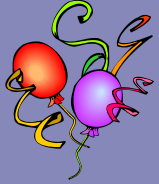


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Over the last couple of years Reservation Restoration workshops sponsored by the Tribe have been offered around the Great Lakes area. Reservation Restoration workshops began in 2003 and this year members and their families gathered in Wabeno, Wisconsin, Muskegon, Michigan and Ludington, Michigan to watch a slideshow presentation that included new details about the Tribe's history and reservation goals.

Article and pictures by:
Melissa Zelenak



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BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY, THE CURRENTS WILL
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Giveaway

All Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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RSVP
1-888-382-8299
Julie Wolfe
Or
Christian Kequam

December 31, 2006 **January 1, 2007**

Want to be a Journalist?

Have you ever thought about being a journalist? Here's your chance. The Public Information Department is looking for young Tribal Members who would like to explore the profession of Journalism. If you are interested in becoming what is called a "Free Lance Journalist" for the Tribal newspaper, the Little River Currents, this is your chance.

Beginning in 2007, we are looking for a few young members who would be interested in learning how to cover events and/or write articles of interest for the newspaper. You will receive coaching and you will be paid for each article that is printed.

You don't have to have previous experience but good English skills are necessary. Also, you will need to have access to a digital camera and the Internet (e-mail).

For more details on this program, contact the Public Information Department at:

currentscomments@lrboi.com

From the Election Board:

Sandy, Peggy, Terri, Berni, and Alesia

The Election Board OFFICE HOURS
for the period of 11/6/06 thru 12/6/06:

Mondays:	1 PM - 5 PM
Tuesdays:	1 PM - 5 PM
Wednesdays:	1 PM - 5 PM
Thursdays:	8 AM - 12 PM
Fridays:	11 AM - 3 PM



Thank You,
The Election Board

From the office of the Ogema:

We have 500 pocket - sized booklets of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Constitution available for Tribal Members.

If you would like a booklet, please contact Angela Eagle in the Public Information Department

Main line 1-231-723-8288

Direct line 1-231-398-6840

Or email your request to aeagle@lrboi.com

NOTE FROM THE PUBLIC INFORMATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

The position of Public Information Specialist has unexpectedly been written out of the department '07 budget by Tribal Council per Resolution #06-1115-787. This position was responsible for coverage of tribal events and preparation of your monthly Little River Currents tribal newspaper. The Public Information Department will endeavor to keep you, the tribal citizens, informed as always as this is our mission.

Thank you for your patience as we go through this transition.

This December is a bittersweet month in the Public Information Department as Emily Drouin, our Public Information Specialist, is leaving us. Emily has finished her Masters Degree (MBA) from Michigan State University and is returning home, north of the border, to Canada.

It is bittersweet because Emily has been key to making the Little River Currents into one of the most respected tribal newspapers in Indian Country over the last two years. Her professionalism and dedication to the task serve as an example to everyone and she will be missed. In the same breath though, we have to congratulate Emily on her educational accomplishment with MSU. It wasn't easy, but she did it! Congratulations and God speed!

Glenn C. Zaring
Public Information Director

The past two years as editor of the 'Currents' have been a great experience. I have had the privilege to meet many wonderful people here at LRBOI and I hope that you have enjoyed this time we have spent developing your newsletter as much as I have. It has been my pleasure to work with all of you, whether it was a short conversation over the phone or months of work on a developing story.

I will miss the many adventures you have taken me on; you stopping by my office just to say 'hello'; and your smiles for my camera. I will take with me the memories of friends and colleagues who have led me on an unforgettable journey that has made me who I am today.

'Kchi Miigwetch to all of you!
Four Winds,
Emily

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! ATTENTION ELECTION CANDIDATES !

The ‘Currents’ is going to accept 1/4 page ads from political (tribal) candidates who wish to utilize the Currents for the upcoming elections. This will begin with the February issue and the deadline will be January 5th for distribution on January 15th.

One ad per candidate, per issue. The ads will be in black and white. Please submit in electronic media (PDF or MS Word). You can choose between two formats: 1. 200 words and one picture (4x6 standard - will be converted to grayscale); OR 300 words with no picture. There will be no charge for these ads. Ads will be run in the order they are received by the ‘Currents’.

Documents will be printed as submitted: the ‘Currents’ will not make any editing, grammar, spelling or any other corrections and/or changes.

Please include your name, the position and area you are running for and a working phone number where you can be reached.

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Binojeeuk Commission Vacancy

The Binojeeuk Commission has a vacancy and would like to get it filled. Let me explain a little bit of what the Binojeeuk Commission does here at the tribe.

The Tribal Council has expressly delegated the Binojeeuk Commission with the following duties, by adoption of the Children’s Code and By-laws of the Binojeeuk Commission:

- a. Advise the Tribal Council and the Tribal Court on child welfare matters and recommend policies and procedures for implementing Federal and Tribal Child welfare law.
- b. Monitor child welfare proceedings involving Tribal members in the state or Tribal Courts.
- c. Be advised of pending state court proceedings as provided in the Indian Child Welfare Act and make

recommendations regarding intervention in such proceedings and transfer of jurisdiction from state court to the Tribal Court.

- d. Conduct informal conferences with a child and the child’s parent(s), guardian or custodian as provided in the Children’s Code to discuss alternatives to formal Court jurisdiction for resolving concerns about the proper care and supervision of a child.

- e. Make recommendations to authorize the filing of child in need of care petitions in the Tribal Court pursuant to the Children’s Code.

- f. Make recommendations to the Tribal family services workers, placement agency workers and the Tribal Prosecutor regarding the care, custody and supervision of Tribal children under court jurisdiction, including recommendations as to case plan,

guardianship and termination of parental rights.

- g. License and monitor group, shelter, foster and adoptive homes and child placing agencies.

- h. Engage in further activities as to protect and improve the welfare of the children of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

- i. Certify persons to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates.

If interested please send your letter of interest to Mary Thomas.

Thank you,

Kimberly Alexander
Binojeeuk Commission Chairperson/
Liaison

Where does our 2% go?

In November, the Revenue Sharing Board of Manistee County distributed money to a number of places in the county. The money came from the tribes' PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) funds. These funds are given to the county as part of the agreement that allows the tribe to operate the Little River Casino and Resort. The Currents staff thought you might like to see where this money goes and what it will be used for as it is spent. Here is a list from the November 06 disbursement of funds.

Administrative Fees to Manistee County \$30,403.75

Public Safety grants total in the amount of \$126,682.31 and PILT funds for "Offset" or "Other" grants including other possible public safety grants, \$150,779.22. Category II PILT funds totaled \$1,709,550.94.

Specifically, the grants are distributed as follows:

West Shore Medical Center to purchase an ambulance, \$25,000

State Sheriffs Chiefs Enforcement of Narcotics Team, \$10,850

City of Manistee Fire Department to replace thermal imaging camera, \$10,000

Bear Lake, KND and Onekama School Districts to upgrade security systems, \$30,000

Bear Lake Township Fire Department for 7 PASS devices, 24 ANSI vests and 24 pairs of gloves

City of Manistee Police Department to

help fund equipment for three new patrol cars, \$13,000

Arcadia Township Fire Department for Bunker gear and Firefighting suits, \$10,000

Village of East Lake to purchase a used tanker/pumper for their fire department, \$5,000

Manistee County Medical Care Facility to help fund purchase and installation of new handrails, \$12,000

Manistee County Road Commission for two sander bodies for their trucks, \$10,000

West Shore Community College, \$146,977.91

Manistee Intermediate School District, \$98,540.61

Manistee Area Public Schools, \$993,585.24

Manistee Township, \$84,067.34

Manistee County, \$386,379.84. These funds were broken out among the following county entities: County Operating Expenses; County Library; County Medical Care; County 9-1-1; Dial-A-Ride; Council on Aging and the County Jail Bond.

Other awards include the following:

Onekama Township for Northpoint Park project, \$8,248

Copemish to remodel former Cleon Fire Department into a community center, \$10,935

Springdale Township for construction of a pole building to house files and histori-

cal documents, \$18,000

City of Manistee to partially fund replacement of Teen Center roof, \$5,000

City of Manistee to partially fund replacement of the Fifth Avenue bath house, \$15,000

Marilla Township to update Master Plan, \$10,000

Manistee County Humane Society to upgrade the security system, perimeter fencing and install a washer and dryer, \$8,700

West Shore Medical Center to purchase infant hearing screening equipment, \$3,500

Manistee County Medical Care Facility to purchase a recumbent stepper, \$3,599

Manistee County Council on Aging to replace facing on West wall, \$21,950

Grant Township Fire & Rescue for a large cutter, \$5,250

Bear Lake, KND and Onekama School Districts to help purchase three new school buses, \$27,000

The Revenue Sharing Board is made up of three elected individuals from the County governments who review all requests and then determine the distribution of the PILT funds. The tribal government has no influence or authority over what requests are granted.

Article by:

Glenn Zaring

Public Information Director

Casino Board of Directors Posting

The Tribal Ogema is seeking letters of interest from Tribal Members interested in serving on the Board of Directors with the Little River Casino Resort. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please submit a letter of interest along with your resume to the Tribal Ogema's office.

Health Commission Posting

The Tribal Ogema's office is seeking Tribal Members interested in serving on the LRBOI Health Board. If interested, please submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Ogema's office.

Miigwetch,

Patrick D. Wilson, Tribal Ogema

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIPS

Tribal Members interested in doing an internship with the LRBOI Tribal Government Office please contact:

Sharron M. Detz

Human Resource Director

231-398-6706



LRBOI Toll Free Job Hotline

1-866-556-5660

For more information, contact :

Alyce Giltz in Human Resources

@ 1-888-723-8288

CHITTENDEN PROJECT UPDATE



The tribal team has intensified work with various federal offices, government representatives and their staffs, including those of Congressman Pete Hoekstra, Senator Debbie Stabenow and State Representative David Palsrok as well as regional groups and local governmental bodies. The various meetings have been

pletion of the project and explore ways to work through them. This requires an extraordinary amount of patience, dedication and work so that we can achieve positive results for the Tribe.

The Chittenden Project will continue into 2007 and holds out promise for a successful completion.

From: Mary West

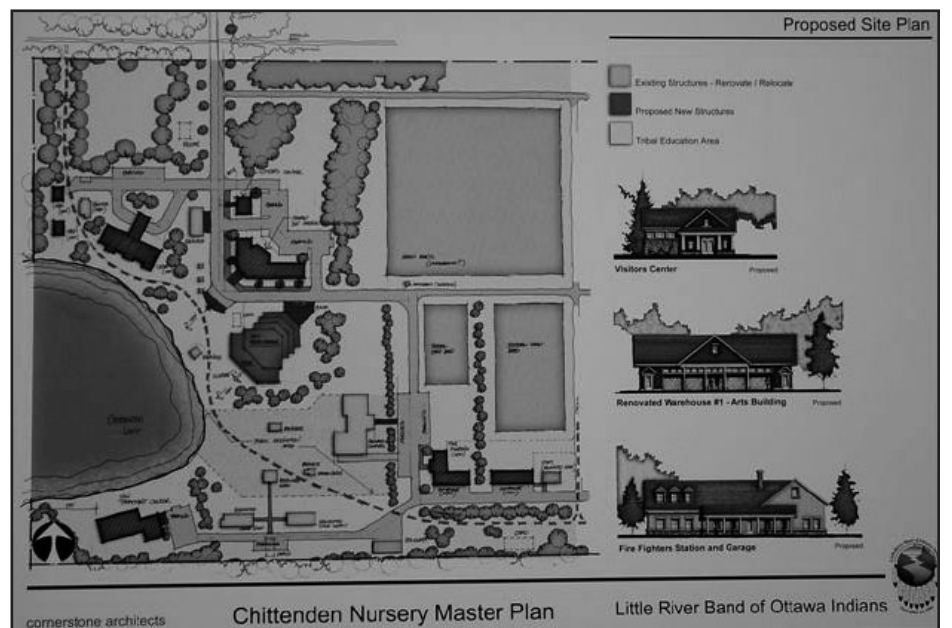
Pictures:

*Left: Shanon Crampton presenting;
Below: Proposed site map of the
Chittenden project*

2006 has been an important year in the Chittenden Nursery project for the tribal government. Working with the various stakeholder groups, the Tribal Council and the Ogema began this multi-year project by educating several groups about the Tribe's vision for the property and made inroads to bring the property into trust for the Tribe so in order to further the cooperative working relationship with the United States Forest Service. In addition, the Tribe would increase educational and cultural activities for the Tribe and the public, bringing benefits to our Members and the surrounding community.

designed to help solidify the positive vision for the joint project with the Forest Service to preserve the heritage of Chittenden and to grow it to serve our people and the greater community into the future.

Part of the process during 2006 has been to identify potential roadblocks to the successful com-



CHAMPAGNE TRIAL

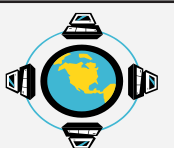
Tribal Member Ryan Champagne was convicted in Tribal Court on November 17th, 2006 of Attempted Fraud. On December 1st, 2006, The Honorable Judge Brenda Quick pronounced sentence on Champagne for 50 hours of community service that could be served in Wisconsin where Champagne now lives. Judge Quick stipulated that the service be completed by March 1st, 2007 and that it be served working with Elders (Tribal or Non-tribal) to "learn from them." She further stipulated that Champagne not serve the Community Service with Children or Family members.

In addition to the Community Service, Champagne was ordered to pay a fine of \$1200. The Prosecutor had requested a fine of \$2500.

TRIBAL COURT DECEMBER 1ST, 2006



New: "CurrentsComments@lrboi.com" Created!



In the new connected world, it is sometimes easier for our Tribal Citizens to send us a quick e-mail than it is to write a letter or fill out a form. Recognizing this, the tribal Public Information and Information Technology Departments have created a special e-mail account just for comments from you, the readers of *Little River Currents*.

If you have comments on the newspaper, the articles, ads or features, just send them to:
CurrentsComments@lrboi.com

This new 'address' will also allow you to send questions concerning what you have seen in the Currents. The Public Information Department will then forward these comments to the right people in the government for you.

Again, add this address, CurrentsComments@lrboi.com to your favorite e-addresses and shoot us a note when you see something in the paper that you wish to comment on. As with printed submissions, we would appreciate a name, address and telephone number with the comment. That let's us get back to you if we need to do so.

Family Services Department
Community Healing Starts with Each Individual and our Relationships
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCES

KENT COUNTY		NEWAYGO COUNTY	
YWMCA Domestic Crisis Center	(616) 459-4681	WISE	Crisis (231) 796-6600
	Crisis (616) 451-2744		Or (800) 374-9473
LAKE, MASON, AND OCEANA COUNTIES		OTTAWA COUNTY	
Region Four Community Services	Crisis (800) 950-5808	Center for Women in Transition	Crisis (616) 392-1970
			Or (800) 848-5991
MANISTEE COUNTY		WEXFORD COUNTY	
CHOICES	Crisis (231) 723-0082	OASIS/Family Resource Center	Crisis (231) 775-7233
MUSKEGON COUNTY		LRBOI Domestic Violence	
Every Women's Place	Main (231) 759-7909	Prevention Program	Toll free (888) 723-8288
	24 hr Crisis (231) 722-3333		Direct (231) 398-6726

**LRBOI Family Services: Departmental Information:
LRBOI Manistee Office**

Location:	1762 US 31 South Manistee Mi 49660	Location:	1465 Apple Ave, Muskegon Mi 49442
Phone:	1-888-723-8288 or (231) 398-6726	Phone:	231-777-1390
Hours:	Monday thru Friday 8 to 5 LRBOI Muskegon Office	Hours:	Tuesday thru Thursday- 9 to 4:30*

* Please call for an appointment as workers may not be available for walk-ins.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling
(231) 777-1390 or 1-888-723-8288 ext. 6726



The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Presents:


Community Movie Night
Date & Time:
Every Wednesday night beginning

Location:
LRBOI Justice Center Trailer Annex
3031 Domres Road, Manistee, MI

Each week a movie representing or influenced by Native American people, culture, tradition, or history will be shown in an effort to bring forth an awareness and interest in our heritage. Coming together as a community to fellowship and educate makes for a stronger and healthier relationship for everyone.
A pre-determined movie listing has been developed so that the membership can be provided with a movie synopsis, rating, and running time prior to the movie date.

Sponsored By:
LRBOI Historic Preservation Department

Please note:
All children must be accompanied by an adult.
A limited amount of beverages and snacks will be available for each movie. Please feel free to bring your own beverages and/or snacks or a "goodie" to share if you would like.
Although each movie has been scheduled, they are subject to change depending on availability. You may call ahead to confirm the next scheduled movie by calling 1-888-723-8288, ext. 2222 or email vhandler@lrboi.com.



Please be aware that the current and future movie night schedules are dependent on participation. If poor attendance is received, the schedule may be discontinued prior to the end of this schedule. If attendance is fair to excellent, a new schedule (to start in February 2007) will be arranged for distribution.
For comments, suggestions, and/or questions, please contact the Historic Preservation Coordinator at 1-888-723-8288, ext. 2222 or vhandler@lrboi.com or by writing to:
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Attn: Historic Preservation Coordinator
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660

Design and Dress a Doll Contest By the Education Department



Design and Dress a Native American Doll

The Education Dept. has dolls to dress. We are dressing up dolls to donate to the Pine Ridge Reservation. Come to the Education Dept. pick up a doll, dress it up and bring it back to us by Nov 29th and we will send them out from here. Prize for best dressed doll.



Winner - Sunflower Wilson
(absent from Picture)



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Native American Realtor

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Tribal members and employees must present their Tribal member identification or employee identification card at any Beltone location to receive the discount when purchasing any Beltone hearing aid.

Offer available at participating locations only. Free hearing screening determines if you can be helped by a hearing aid. Beltone hearing aids will be available for purchase. Each office establishes its own retail list price. Prices may vary by location. Benefits of hearing aids vary by type and degree of hearing loss, noise environment, accuracy of the hearing evaluation and proper fit. Beltone providers are independent retail dispensers of Beltone brand products manufactured by Beltone.



Tax Office - Questions & Answers

If you have tax questions that you would like to have answered in upcoming editions of Little River Currents, please send them to: Barb Czarnecki, Tax Officer, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660 or email them to: bczarnecki@lrboi.com.

Most of the questions that have come in recently are in response to the tax-exempt motor fuel program. I will try to answer these over the next few months.

IT'S TAX TIME!

The Tax Season is here. Thanks to the tribe's tax agreement with the State of Michigan, Resident Tribal Members' non-business income is exempt from Michigan income taxes. Please be aware that a Michigan tax return must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Section IX (A) of the Tax Agreement. The exemption is taken by subtracting your Resident Tribal Member income on the "Miscellaneous Subtractions" line of the MI 1040 Schedule 1.

Resident Tribal Members can also file for a 2006 Annual Sales Tax Refund. The amount of the Sales Tax Refund is based on the gross income of the Resident Tribal Member(s). If your spouse is not a Tribal Member, his/her income is not counted in calculating the amount of the refund. The required form will be mailed to all registered Resident Tribal Members along with a notice of the number of months you qualify for Resident Tribal Member status. If you don't receive this information by the end of January, call the tax office at 231-398-6874.

MOTOR FUEL TAX EXEMPTION

News regarding tax-exempt motor fuel purchases at Northern Pass
Monthly limit for the 1st quarter of 2007 is 75 gallons per Tribal member.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE:

There is NO SMOKING allowed at the fuel pumps.
Do not throw cigarette butts on the ground near the fuel pumps.

ATTENTION ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS!

Telephone Tax Refund: A SPECIAL ONE TIME TAX CREDIT ON YOUR 2006 TAX RETURN

WHAT IS THE TELEPHONE TAX REFUND?

The telephone tax refund is a one-time payment available on your 2006 federal income tax return, designed to refund previously collected long-distance federal excise taxes. It is available to anyone who paid long-distance taxes on landline, cell phone or Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service.

WHY IS THE GOVERNMENT REFUNDING THESE TAXES?

Several recent federal court decisions have held that the tax does not apply to long-distance service as it is billed today. The IRS is following these decisions and refunding the portion of the tax charged on long-distance calls.

The IRS will refund to you the taxes on long-distance service billed to you for the period after Feb 28, 2003 and before Aug 1, 2006. Taxpayers should request this refund when they file their 2006 tax returns.

HOW DO I GET THE TELEPHONE TAX REFUND?

In general, anyone who paid the long-distance telephone tax will get the refund on their 2006 federal income tax return. This includes individuals, businesses and nonprofit organizations.

The IRS is making it easier for taxpayers by offering a standard refund amount between \$30 and \$60, so they don't need to gather old phone bills. Taxpayers who choose the standard amount will only need to fill out one line on their tax returns. The standard amount is based on actual telephone usage data and the amount applicable to a family or other household reflects the long-distance phone tax paid by similarly sized families or households. Using this amount is the easiest way for taxpayers to get their refunds and avoid gathering 41 months of old phone records.

Businesses and nonprofits must fill out the new Form 8913 and base their refund requests on the actual amount of tax they paid.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST THE TELEPHONE TAX REFUND?

In general, any individual, business or nonprofit organization that paid long-distance tax for service billed after Feb 28, 2003 and before Aug 1, 2006 is eligible to request the refund.

WHAT IS THE STANDARD AMOUNT?

Individual taxpayers can take a standard amount from \$30 to \$60 based on the number of exemptions claimed on their tax return. For those claiming:

- one exemption, the standard refund amount is: \$30
- two exemptions, the standard refund amount is: \$40
- three exemptions, the standard refund amount is: \$50
- four exemptions or more, the standard refund amount is: \$60

WHAT IF I AM NOT REQUIRED TO FILE A FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN?

If you are not required to file a tax return AND you have had your own land-line phone in your home and have been paying a phone bill for years, you may apply for the refund on form 1040EZ-T.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!!

In January the Education Department will be sending out registration forms for LRBOI/JOM Student Services for 2007. For mailing this registration form we will be requesting mailing labels from the Enrollment Department for every Tribal member from 3 to 19 years old. If your child is a Tribal member, 3 years old and enrolled in preschool (at the time you receive the registration form) or up to 12th grade (not adult education programs for GED, and not in college), then he/she is eligible for this program.

This registration form serves as the application for the \$400 school clothing bank cards issued in August. For 2007 the deadline for completing this registration form is Friday, February 16, 2007. Your child’s registration form must be completed and returned postmarked no later than February 16, 2007 or your child will not receive the \$400 bank card for school clothing.

Sometime during the early part of January you will receive the registration form. It is mailed in a bright yellow envelope with “Education” stamped in red letters. Enclosed in the envelope will be a notice with all deadline dates, the Student Services Registration Form, a sheet with 3 specific service request forms (Activities, Class Ring/Senior Expenses, Driver’s Education), and a pre-posted return envelope. It is imperative that you complete the registration form and return it in the pre-posted envelope postmarked no later than February 16, 2007. Any applications received with a postmark later than February 16, 2007 will not be accepted. Faxes, copies and hand delivered registrations will not be accepted.

To confirm that we have received your registration, the Education Department will send receipt postcards, as well as an email notification to those who include an email address in the registration. If you do not receive either a receipt postcard or email notification by March 9, 2007 you will need to contact us on or before March 15, 2007. On March 16, 2007, the final list for ordering National City Bank Cards will be completed. IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT ON THE LIST, FOR ANY REASON, HE OR SHE WILL NOT RECEIVE THE \$400 BANK CARD!!!

The following steps will ensure that your child receives the \$400 school clothing bank card:

- 1. Make sure that your current address on file with the Enrollment Department is the address you are receiving your mail at in January. If you are moving, make sure you submit a change of address to the Enrollment Department for each child.
- 2. Complete the LRBOI/JOM Student Services Registration Form and return to LRBOI in the pre-stamped envelope postmarked no later than February 16, 2007
- 3. Notify the Education Department by the end of January 2007 if you don’t receive a Registration Form for any of your children. (You must have a separate registration form for each child)
- 4. Notify the Education Department on or before March 15, 2007 if you have not received a receipt post card or email for any of your children. (You will receive a separate receipt post card and email for each child)
- 5. If you move during the period between completing the Registration Form in January and receiving the National City Bank Card in August, make sure that you complete a change of address form for each child and submit it to the Tribal Enrollment Department. If you are moving close to the time cards are expected to arrive (early to mid August) make sure that you leave a forwarding address with the Post Office.

Please note that (barring a court order that states otherwise) completing an application for a child who does not live with you, spending down a card issued to a child over whom you do not have custody, and misusing the card in any way can result, and has resulted, in prosecution.

If you have friends or family members who move often or who may not receive Little River Currents for any reason, please share this information with them. It can mean the difference of students having access to \$400 for school clothes or not.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR LRBOI/JOM STUDENT SERVICES

JANUARY 31, 2007	Notify Education Department if you have not received Registration Forms for each of your children (enrolled Tribal Members) [Forms come in bright yellow envelopes stamped Education in red ink] [Yvonne at (231) 398-6735 or Deb at (231) 398-6724]
FEBRUARY 16, 2007	LRBOI/JOM Student Services Registration forms must be post marked and mailed separately for each of your children (no copies, faxes or hand delivered registrations will be accepted)
MARCH 9, 2007	Receipt Post Cards and Emails for each of your children should be received.
MARCH 15, 2007	Last day to notify Education Department if you did not receive a receipt Post Card or Email for each of your children [Yvonne at (231) 398-6735 or Deb at (231) 398-6724]
MARCH 16, 2007	Final Bank Card list completed. Students not on this list, for any reason, will not receive the \$400 bank card in August
AUGUST, 2007	Bank Cards will be delivered via Certified Mail. If you have moved since submitting your registration forms, make sure your correct current address is on file with the Tribal Enrollment Department for each of your children
DECEMBER 1, 2007	Last day to request LRBOI/JOM Student Services Assistance for: Activities (\$100), Class Ring (\$100), Senior Expenses (\$325), Driver’s Ed (\$250)

LRBOI YOUTH EDUCATION ACTIVITY SUGGESTION FORM
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Mission Statement: The Education Department strives to encourage academic excellence in the Tribe’s Youth, and to provide opportunities and encouragement for Tribal members to further their education through adult, vocational, and higher education programs.
In order to work toward this mission, the Education Department is planning activities and learning experiences for Tribal Youth in pre-school – 12th grade that will teach leadership, social, problem solving, and team building skills, while promoting community and cultural awareness. We would like your input!

Your name: (optional) _____ Name or type of activity: _____

Describe the activity or event: _____

Describe how this event will help the Education Department accomplish its mission and goals stated above: _____

What age groups would be included? _____

Your phone number: (optional) _____

Anything else you feel is important: _____

Thank you for your participation and creative ideas! We appreciate your involvement.
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Stephanie Chau, Youth Education Assistant, at (231) 398-6717
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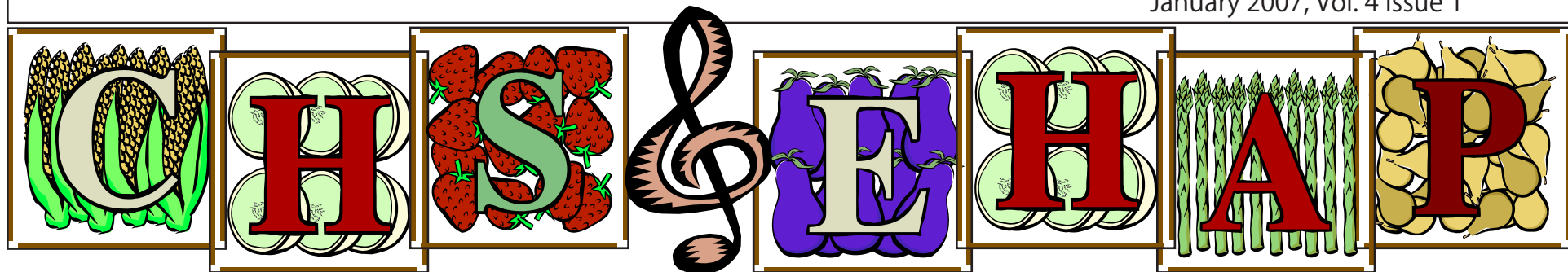
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The Health Promotion Workshop was held at the Community Center on November 14, 2006. Along with myself, the Community Health Representatives (CHR) provided valuable information to nearly 50 attendees. Marty Trevin, CHR did blood glucose screening and provided information on the importance of blood glucose monitoring. Trish Snyder, CHR took blood pressures and her display identified issues regarding high blood pressure and blood pressure control. Teresa Johnson, CHR presented important information about diabetes and prevention. Her information included prevalence in the Native American population and risk fac-

tors, signs and symptoms of high and low blood sugar as well as complications of diabetes. Teresa also stressed the importance of monitoring diabetes and ways to maintain control to prevent these complications. Deacon Wilson, CHR presented information on healthy eating, portion size and healthy diet. Heidi Foster, CHR provided information on good hygiene and importance of exercise. Heidi also gave information on area locations for indoor walking as the cold weather approaches. In Manistee, the area High School track is available to the public Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Monday through Thursday 6:00 p.m. to 8:00

p.m. as long as there are no activities in the gym. For members in the Muskegon and Grand Rapids areas, the local Malls provide indoor walking opportunities. Call your local Mall to find out more about times and events. Rez-Robics DVD (an aerobic work out by the Navaho Nation) played for all to enjoy. I would like to take this time to recognize the CHRs for their hard work and time put into their presentations. Please watch future newsletters for educational opportunities.

Holly Davis R.N., M.S.N. Community Health Nurse/Diabetic Nurse Educator.

FAMILY SERVICES

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Opening Ceremony - Left to Right: Al Medaco and Warrior Society during Flag Ceremony; Gary Lewis Drumming for Flag Ceremony; Fox Sports' Reporters



Frank White, Sarnia ON - (Red) vs Tommy Washington, Lansing MI (Blue)
Winner: Frank White - Technical Knockout



Alfredo Escalero, Puerto Rico - (Red) vs James 'Gentleman' Johnson, Shreveport LA (Blue)
Winner: Alfredo Escalero - Technical Knockout



Eddie Tice, Muskegon MI - (Red) vs Cory Peterson, Saginaw MI (Blue)
Winner: Cory Peterson - Technical Knockout

RESERVATION RESTORATION EFFORTS CONTINUE

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These informational gatherings have helped over 500 workshop participants learn more about the Reservation Restoration Project and what it means to those living inside the reservation, or outside. Tribal families listened intently to the new data presented by 2006 workshop presenters Steve Parsons, Tribal Council Speaker, Shannon Crampton, Tribal Councilor, and Jen-

nifer Hughes, an attorney working on the restoration project for the Tribe. Each presented different portions of the workshops that ranged from historical documentation to governmental processes and future planning. Other Tribal Council Members and Ogema Wilson attended the various workshops in order to handle Tribal Member questions that were asked throughout the day long event.

important facts for the Tribe, noted ethnohistorian, Dr. James McClurken and his associates have scoured the Library of Congress, the National Archives, local archives, and university and college libraries. The Tribe continues the challenge of locating and securing historical paperwork that documents what happened to the reservation territory. Membership

picked up and thrown into buckboard wagons where they were hauled west to the area now known as Kansas,” voiced Tribal Council Speaker Steve Parsons. The Ottawa were in great despair when they finally signed the Treaty of 1836 that granted several thousand acres to the Tribe in Manistee. (see image of 1836 Reservation Map). They merely wanted to stay within their own home-

lands and believed that signing that treaty would let them stay where they were. Another Treaty, signed in 1855, granted the Tribe an additional permanent reservation in five townships south of Manistee: Custer, Eden, Crystal, Elbridge & Holton. (see image of 1855 Reservation Map). This agreement, like the Treaty of 1836, didn't work out well for the Ottawa. Lands were illegally taken away from them, basically without



Wabeno, Wisconsin Reservation Restoration Workshop Participants and Ogema Patrick Wilson, Tribal Council Speaker Steve Parsons, Outlying Councilor/Workshop Speaker Shannon Crampton, Nine-County Councilors Pat Ruiter, Don Koon and Kim Alexander & At-large Councilor Elaine Porter.



A Young Tribal Family shares a pose at the Wisconsin Workshop.

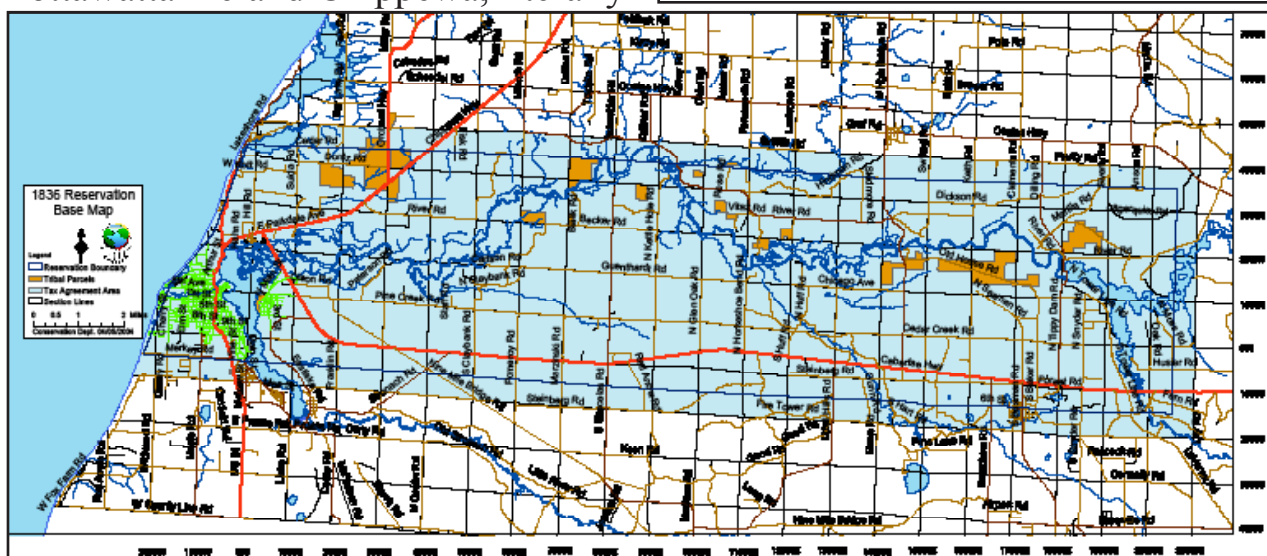
In 1994, a critical part of reaffirming the sovereign status of the Tribe was our ability to show the historical evolution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. This reconstruction of the past has been no small feat. Obtaining

can, and have, seen for themselves what their ancestors desired and discovered how important staying on tribal grounds was to them. As our Little River forefathers put it in an 1836 letter to Andrew Jackson, President of the United States, “You know we obtained our land from the Great Spirit...We have not a mind to remove to a distant land – our children would suffer.”

“By the 1830's tribal ancestors were already suffering and very frightened at the threat of removal to far away territories. They'd seen their neighbors, the Pottawattamie and Chippewa, literally

their knowledge of it even happening. Over decades, through numerous trials and tribulations, lands within the reservations were illegally taken but our people and our reservations remained. Although the largest portion of the Tribe's ancestors stayed on or near reservation areas, many families were forced to leave the place that was reserved for them. The need to work and buy food led many around the Great Lakes, up north into the Upper Peninsula and west to Wisconsin and other

Below: 1836 Reservation Map



RESERVATION RESTORATION EFFORTS CONTINUE

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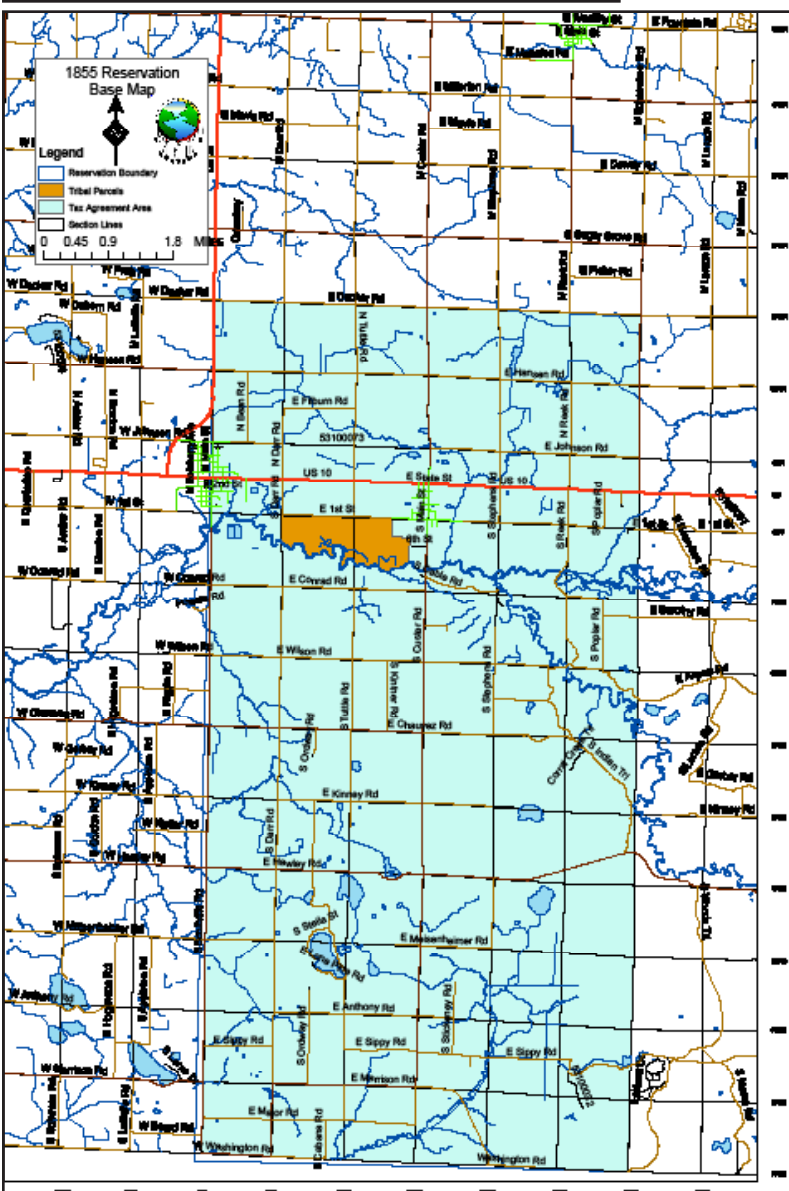
nearby states. They were working for the lumber camps that traveled along the coast of Lake Michigan and once away from Manistee weren't always able to come back because they had already established families and homes throughout the region.

Some members attending the Wabeno, Wisconsin workshop, relations of those who followed the logging trail, asked why restoring the reservation boundaries would make a difference to them since they would never live in Michigan. Attorney Jennifer Hughes



Tribal Council Speaker Steve Parsons and Elder Jackie Redwoman during a break at the Wisconsin Workshop.

Below: 1855 Reservation Map



Muskegon Reservation Restoration Workshop Participants

addressed this concern, "The opportunity for growth and prosperity on reservation lands means greater benefits for all tribal members.

Getting reservation boundaries restored, and recognizing a permanent homeland, is what the Tribe's ancestors fought for in the past and what today's tribal government continues to do for the long term betterment of everyone." She continued, "Even though someone may not want to move back to Michigan, maybe their children or grandchildren will. Having reservation lands and opportunity available to your descendents is what your great-

grandfathers, and great-great grandfathers wanted for you when they signed those first treaties."

The Reservation Restoration project will carry on into the future with new workshops again being held around the

Lakes. It is a long road ahead, but as Tribal Councilor Shannon Crampton expressed at the Ludington workshop, "In 1994 everyone was behind the Tribe getting federal recognition, and that's why it worked." With the unceasing support of the Tribal Council, Ogema and membership, the Little River Band can continue to work in the direction of its forefathers to help secure its sovereignty and lands for upcoming generations. As Wisconsin Elder Cornelius DeVerney remarked during the Wabeno workshop, "Every time I come to one of these workshops I learn a little more. We all may not agree on everything but I want to learn what happened to my people in the past and what I can do to help my kids in the future."

Article By Melissa Zelenak

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Ludington Reservation Restoration Workshop Participants





Vernon 'Iceman' Paris, Detroit MI - (Red) vs Reggie 'Two Gun' Nash, Grand Rapids MI (Blue)
Winner: Vernon 'Iceman' Paris - Technical Knockout



Ronald 'Motor City Cobra' Hearns, Detroit MI - (Red) vs Jeffrey Osborne, Davenport IA (Blue)
Winner: Ronald 'Motor City Cobra' Hearns - Technical Knockout



Mary Jo Sanders, Detroit MI - (Red) vs Cimberly Harris, Tampa FL, (Blue)
Winner: Mary Jo Sanders - Decision



Thank You To All Who Put So Much Hard Work Into Making These Events Possible

2007 HUTTON JUNIOR FISHERIES BIOLOGY PROGRAM



The Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program is a summer mentoring program for high school students sponsored by the American Fisheries Society. The principal goal of the Hutton Program is to stimulate interest in careers in fisheries science and management among groups underrepresented in the fisheries professions, including minorities and women. Application to the program is open to all sophomore, junior, and senior high school students regardless of race, creed, or gender. Because the principal goal of the program is to increase diversity within the fisheries professions, preference will be given to qualified women and minority applicants. Students selected for the program are matched with a professional mentor in their area for a summer-long, hands-on experience in a marine or freshwater setting. A scholarship of \$3,000 is awarded to each student accepted into the program.

This is a great opportunity for high school students interested in fisheries to gain experience while working with the LRBOI Natural Resource Department for the summer. Student applications for the summer of 2007 are due by February 15th, 2007. More information can be found on the American Fisheries Society website at www.fisheries.org.

If you know a student interested in applying or have any questions please contact Justin Chiotti in the LRBOI Natural Resource Department.

Contact Information:

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The First Redheaded Woodpecker

--by Simon Otto

It was a beautiful fall day in the Northwoods. Nanaboozho planned to take a walk through the woods on this day. The trees were filled with the bright colors of the fall season and the ground was slightly covered with the crisp fallen leaves. The sun shone brightly as Nanaboozho prepared for this walk.

Nanaboozho walked for many hours admiring the beautiful creation of Mother Earth. During his walk he came upon a secluded wigwam up ahead in the distance. He observed an old woman carrying firewood from the wigwam. The woman wore a black dress and had a red scarf wrapped around her head. There was something strange about this woman. She had an air of unhappiness about her, seen especially on her face. Nanaboozho could not understand how this woman could look so unhappy in such a beautiful place. As he watched the woman, the scowl upon her face grew deeper. So he decided to approach the old woman.

Nanaboozho snapped his fingers and turned himself into an old beggar. His hair was long, dirty, and white, and his leather clothing became torn and baggy. He carried an old, beat up cane which, as a beggar he would lean heavily upon.

The old beggar made his way slowly to the wigwam being sure to make it look like he couldn't walk very well. "Ex-

cuse me, but would you happen to have any food to spare? I have been walking for weeks and have only a few supplies." The scowl on the old woman's face grew even deeper but she felt if she turned the old beggar down bad luck would come to her.

"Sit down," she said angrily. "I will see what I can find." She went into the wigwam to find something to make that wouldn't be too much trouble. She decided to make cornbread, so she carefully counted ten pieces of corn and pounded them into a bowl. She added some water to the pounded corn and sat it by the fire to bake. She returned a bit later and couldn't believe her eyes. The bread had tripled in size and was the most beautiful bread she had ever seen. "I can't give this loaf to the old beggar. It looks too good! I'll save it for myself!" She went back out to talk to the old man. "I burned the bread so you'll have to find something else to eat."

"Please kind woman, could you try again? I am very hungry." The old woman was getting very upset but she feared bad luck so she stomped back into the wigwam to try again.

"I can't believe that bothersome old beggar! Can't he just leave me alone?" she thought as she carefully counted the pieces of corn to be pounded. This time she only used six pieces of corn instead of ten. She finished mixing the batter and placed the rounded bread by the fire. The old woman cleaned the mess and made the wigwam look tidy. She went to check on the bread and couldn't believe her eyes. This loaf was even bigger and better than the first loaf. It was the best bread she had ever seen. She thought to herself, "I'll save this one too, and bring it to the feast. I couldn't possibly give that old beggar the best loaf I have ever made!"

She went back to the beggar. "You'll

have to go and find other food. I just burnt this last loaf too" she explained.

"Please kind woman, try one more time. I would really like to eat something." Now the old woman was very angry by this time but she decided to try just one more time.

She hurried into the wigwam to make the bread, but this time she counted only one piece of corn into the bowl to be pounded. She added a drop of water to the flour and set the tiny loaf by the fire. She turned her back for a moment and when she looked back at the loaf it was even bigger. In fact, it was the best loaf she had ever seen. "There is no way I can give the old beggar this loaf. I must save it for the feast and I'll be known as the best cook in the whole village. I'll just tell him to leave."

She approached the beggar and said, "The loaf is burnt again and I won't make any more. Just leave and go find someone else to bother! Go on! Go eat bugs from the bark of trees – I don't care! Just leave!" she shouted angrily.

The beggar became very angry with himself and shouted, "You'll be the only one to eat bugs from trees!" He stood up and snapped his fingers and turned back into Nanaboozho. With another snap of his fingers, the old woman began to shrink and shrink until she was very tiny. Her dress became dark black feathers, and the red scarf became the deep red color of the crown of the woodpecker. The old woman became the first redheaded woodpecker.

As she slowly took to the air with her new wings, Nanaboozho yelled to her, "Old woman, you could not even help an old man because of your greediness. You will search for bugs in the bark of trees from this day on. May you serve as a reminder of the importance of sharing with your fellow man."

To this day you can still hear the woodpecker pecking in search of food.

Do You Know These People?

The Tribal Historic Preservation Department has been working to create, restore, and preserve the Tribe's pictorial archives. Many of the previously published pictures were identified and we appreciate everyone who helped to put names with the faces. We have recently added more photos to our archives and again have some unidentified pictures.

We are hoping that you may know one or some of these people pictured below;
if so, please contact Valerie Chandler,
Historic Preservation Coordinator at
1-888-723-8288, ext. 2222 or (231) 398-2222 or email at vchandler@lrboi.com. Miigwech!



Cogswell Family



Cogswell Twins



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Unknown 12

Remembering the Old Ways

By Diane Conners, 1984 Forest Festival edition of the Manistee News Advocate

--reprinted from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Frontier, May 1997

The photos being passed around Lavern Oren's kitchen table may have been a part of the Manistee County Museum archives, but for the four women there they seemed more like part of a family or neighborhood album.

Oren, her sister Katherine Glocheski, neighbor Elizabeth Bailey and her daughter Margaret Chandler are all Indians of Ottawa descent. The faces in the photographs harkened back to the 1930s, many of them taken in the Indian Village set up for the first Manistee County Forest Festival in 1936.

"I was eight years old then," Chandler said. "We got all dressed up. I thought it was fun."

"It was like a vacation," laughed Glocheski, though Oren recalled that one of the little boys in their extended family – the Sam family – absolutely did not want to dance for the tourists. Generally, though, the women indicated the Indian community was happy for the opportunity to share its heritage. John Peters, they said, joined in every Forest Festival parade he could, wearing traditional Indian dress...Bailey displayed her beadwork and basketry at the first Forest Festival and carries on those arts to this day.

"I remember my grandmother making baskets and beadwork," Oren said. "Grandpa would pound and strip the wood." White ash would be used to make the handle since it has a smaller log, making whittling easier, she said, but the basket itself is made of black ash because, after being pounded evenly, it is easier to pull apart in thin strips. The process is done with great care, Bailey said, or the strips will break while being peeled. For the same reason the materials must be wet when being formed into baskets, she said, including the sweetgrass used for the grass baskets.

Chandler said two of her daughters do beadwork, while a son and a daughter make baskets, using black ash by permission from some friends who have the now hard-to-find tree on the property. Mrs. Bailey said people used to use Diamond dye, made from different kinds of roots, to paint baskets, but that she can't find it anymore. In addition to using the roots of plants for dyes, Indians are historically known for their ability to find in the land food and medicine.

"Reino Lagerquist of Brethren says to this day that when he first came over he would have starved without the Indians," Glocheski said.

While none of the women claim they now live totally off the land, they all nodded in agreement when Glocheski said, "If we really had to, we could."

But Oren is not so sure that their children could, and though she understands the desire for modern conveniences, and has them herself, she senses a loss. "I hate to see the old ways of the Indians going. My daughter has never lived through it. She'll just know what I've told her."

"One of the things Oren has passed on

to her daughter is what she called the "Granny salve," because "the grandmothers always used it." The salve draws out infection and helps heal burns and sores, among other things, she said, noting that it helped one man's case of shingles when no other medicine prescribed by a doctor could. Her mother's foot was scalded by hot water and she healed it by washing it a few times a day with a mullein tea and then applying the salve. A doctor was so amazed he asked for permission to patent it, as other doctors throughout the generations have, Oren said, but the recipe for the salve remains in the family.

Another remedy the women remembered their mothers and grandmothers using included chewing sweet root for a sore throat, with that plant being good for heart problems and colds and fevers, too. Oren and Glocheski's elders made tea of princess pine, wintergreen and black cherry bark to drink for menstruation cramps and as a douche for vaginal infections. A tea of blackberry roots helps diarrhea, Glocheski said, while Chandler noted that sassafras is considered to be a good tonic to "purify the blood." Mrs. Bailey, eyeing the cigarette smoke wafting over the kitchen table, commented that a tea of sassafras and cherry bark helps a person stop smoking.

All of the above make good teas just for the tasting pleasure, Chandler noted, with mouth watering talk following of the good food to be found in the wild. All of the women know how to hunt, and among their favorite game is muskrat, which they said most white people discard, taking only the pelts. In addition to feeling much dismay over the waste of an animal taken only for its fur, the women said the white hunters don't know what they are missing on the dinner table. The trick to getting the musky taste out of the muskrat is in the cleaning process, they said. The musk lies in some fatty tissue in the shoulders and between the hind legs. Cut that out with a knife and you have remaining a delicacy, they said.

"My family grew up on wild rabbit," Chandler said. "Someone gave us some tame rabbits and no one will eat it. It's more bland. It tastes like chicken."

Turtle, deer, fish, raccoon, partridge, and squirrel were included in the list of game taken from the wild, with such plants such as milkweed, fiddleheads, cattail roots, wild leeks, mushrooms, dandelions and all kinds of berries providing some of the wild vegetables and fruit. Oren said her family sometimes lived in Fountain in the summers, doing some gardening, and in the Big Manistee River Valley in the winter as it is a good place for trapping. In addition, she said, the family often went to the Straits of Mackinac to pick huckleberries, camping in tents and eating the "squaw" (sic) bread her grandmother would make over the heat of hot ashes. To this day, Oren said, her German husband cannot get enough of the simple Indian "squaw" (sic) bread and fry breads.

This era around the Depression, of course,

was not a time of great prosperity for anyone, much less the Indians, and the women spoke with pride of the creativity utilized by their elders to make life comfortable. Chandler spoke of the wonderful cakes and biscuits made from scratch by her mother, remembering the unbelieving comments from friends that "no one makes cake from scratch anymore." Clothes were often made from prettily decorated flour sacks and coats from the Salvation Army, all with handmade patterns, the women said. Flannel lined mittens with wrist bands made from old socks kept their hands warm.

"I really felt the best dressed," Chandler said.

Barter was also integral to their living, the women said, with furs and fish traded for things like sugar and flour. In addition the Indians of their community had a great sharing spirit, they said, recalling that whenever anyone came back from hunting everyone was invited to share the deer shot.

"Some people would walk two or three miles to come," Glocheski said, with Bailey wryly commenting that "now they can't walk a mile."

In addition to a willingness to share, the women said the invitation to all helped make sure none of the deer would go to waste since they had no refrigeration at the time, though they did dry some of the meat. For water, Oren said her grandfather found a source in a nearby spring and put clean pebbles in it to settle the sediment.

After the Depression, Oren said her family moved for a while to Muskegon where she had her first experience with conveniences like electricity. "It was kind of frightening. Street lights, paved roads, running water, inside toilets. We thought we were in seventh heaven."

Still, Oren said she "loved it" when they returned to the Big Manistee River Valley, the area where her ancestors had lived for years, the area that was part of the short-lived Indian reservation in the 1800s. To this day, living on Michigan Avenue, she is still on the old reservation site. Glocheski lives down the road from her, while Bailey and Chandler live on the River Road. Indian camps used to line the river valley, which they called "Pleasant Valley," Oren said.

The earlier days in the Pleasant Valley may have been ones without electricity, but they did not lack entertainment, the women said. With no television or radio, stories abounded, from the "nonsensical" to the "spooky ones around the camp fire." They were the days of simple homemade toys, skating on the frozen waters and swimming in Bear Creek. They were days when the people walked, and what they walked on were two tracks, not gravel roads. Oren remembered that the school bus was the height of technology: two horses drawing a sleigh. Even after motorized transportation came, she said, any school children with after school activities walked home at night from Brethren.

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Remembering the Old Ways

By Diane Conners, 1984 Forest Festival edition of the Manistee News Advocate

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Those days were marked by a special closeness to those who'd die as well, the women said, recalling wakes that lasted three days and three nights. "Someone was with the body all the time," Oren said. "People would pray and sing in Indian. People would bring food." In addition, for 10 days of mourning people would spend their time quietly, Bailey said, "since whatever you do in those 10 days stays with you" for the rest of your life. Honoring the dead continued each Halloween, or All Saints Night, Oren said, with what is called the "Ghost Supper." The ceremony still takes place here, they said, and includes a feast of all the favorite foods of those who have passed away. Oren said she tries to bring steelhead for her father and raccoon for her mother. Her grandfather had a sweet tooth so she brings pumpkin pie for him, as well as turtle. She also brings such traditional Indian foods as venison and hominy. Bailey said she brings a corn casserole. For which relative? For "everyone," and the women nodded in acknowledgment of the place corn has in their diet. The feasting goes on all night until noon the next day, with the participants praying for the spirits of their elders to join them, Oren explained. While praying and singing in Indian, including within their Christian religion, was an integral part of their lives, the Indian language is being lost, the women said. The sorrow of that reality filled the room. One reason for the loss stems from the mixed marriages among them, they said, while another comes from ostracism found in

schools when they and their parents were growing up. "When we were small we knew it, but we lost it when we went to school because you really got pounded for speaking Indian," Glocheski said. "They thought you were talking about them. Plus there was the prejudice." Oren said they were often called "dirty Indians." Chandler recalled that her mother, Mrs. Bailey, knew no English when she began school, and so couldn't defend herself when other children blamed her for wrongdoing. She would then be punished, Chandler said, and "she said her kids weren't going to go through that. So she didn't teach us the language." Now, Chandler said, her own children would like to know the language, but "you need to speak it every day to know it fluently." This is especially true, Oren said laughing, since one word can mean many things – "hello, goodbye, pass the mustard" – depending upon the context in which it is used. Still, the women retain some of their words. Among them are names which indicate the closeness their people feel to the earth. A child was often named after an animal or something in nature that appeared when they were born, Oren confirmed. Bailey's name is Mon-ka-do-quaa, meaning Cloud Woman. Oren could pronounce but not spell her Indian name. She'll never forget its meaning. It recalls a part of the earth she's lived near most of her life: Running Water.

ATTENTION MUSKEGON TRIBAL MEMBERS

Chaplain Raymond Swierenga from the Muskegon Correctional Facility has contacted the tribal government in regard to a request for assistance. The Chaplain reports that the facility has 25 Native American men primarily from Western Michigan tribes in the prison population.

Weekly these men meet for smudging and a Talking Circle and once a year they try to schedule a Sweat Lodge for the men.

The Chaplain is asking for volunteers from our tribe who would be interested in providing guidance and instruction for these men.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Chaplain Swierenga at 231.773.3201 extension 314. Or you may contact him through the mail at Muskegon Correctional Facility, 2400 S. Sheridan Road, Muskegon, MI 49442.

Good Fellowship Group AA Meeting~Closed

LRBOI Community Center
1762 US 31, Manistee
Thursday's at 8pm

LRBOI Direct Contact Numbers

Ogema's Office	231-398-6824	Economic Development	231-398-6806	Member's Assistance	231-398-6731
Tribal Council	231-398-6845	Election Board	231-398-6852	Little River	
- Kimberly Alexander	231-398-6835	Education	231-398-6724	Casino Resort	888-568-2244
- Shannon Crampton	231-398-6849	Elders	231-398-6709	Natural Resources	231-723-1594
- Norbert Kelsey	231-398-6828	Enrollment	231-398-6713	Peacekeeping	231-398-2239
- Don Koon	231-398-6831	Family Services	231-398-6726	Planning	231-398-6810
- Steve Parsons - Speaker	231-398-6830	Food Commodities	231-398-6715	Prosecuting Attorney	231-398-2242
- Elaine Porter	231-398-6833	Grants	231-398-6870	Public Information	231-398-6840
- Janine Sam - Recorder	231-398-6834	Gaming Commission	231-398-2269	Public Safety	231-398-2225
- Israel Stone	231-398-6807	Health Toll Free	888-382-8299	Reception	888-723-8288
Accounting	231-398-6878	Historic Preservation	231-398-2221	Tax Department	231-398-6874
Be-Da-Bin	888-382-8299	Housing	888-723-8288	Toll Free	888-723-8288
Casino – Toll Free	866-466-7338	Human Resources	231-398-6704	Tribal Court	231-398-3406
Clinic Operations	888-382-8299	Language Hotline	877-789-0993	Utilities	231-723-2309
Contract Health/EHAP	888-382-8299	Legal Department	231-398-6819	Warriors Society	231-398-6720
Community Health		Legal Assistance			
Representatives (CHR)	888-382-8299	Program for Members	231-398-6820		

~ANNOUNCEMENT: CHANGE IN ASSISTANCE AMOUNTS AND INCOME GUIDELINES AND TWO NEW PROGRAMS~

Current Assistance Programs

***Food Assistance Program**

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a dietary/food crisis. Assistance is available in all states. If you are receiving food assistance from another agency, please verify with agency to ensure accessing this program will not affect your benefits. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Amount of assistance: \$300.00 per year per household; provided in three \$100.00 increments.

Current Applicant Reminder: As we get closer to the end of the year please be sure to access the full amount of assistance by December 16, 2006.

***Low Income Energy Assistance Program**

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing an energy crisis. Assistance may be accessed once per year up to maximum amount not to exceed \$300. Assistance is available in all states. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Received a shut off notice from utility vendor
- Received a denial from an outside agency for utility assistance
- Amount of assistance: \$300.00 per year; per household.

***Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program**

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a housing crisis. Assistance is available in all states. Program may be access once every two years. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Received an eviction or foreclosure notice
- Received a denial from an outside agency for assistance
- Amount of assistance: Equivalent to one month's rent or mortgage payment not to exceed \$1000 or; in the event of eviction or foreclosure amount not to exceed \$1000 to stop eviction or foreclosure proceedings.

Home Repair Program

The Home Repair Program assists home owners who meet the eligibility requirements. The program assists with the repair of substandard roof, electrical, heating, plumbing and weatherization. Assistance

is available in all states. Note: Home Repair Eligibility is based on Annual Gross Income, please contact department for income criteria. Scope of Program: Repair to Roof, Electrical, Plumbing, Heating and in some cases weatherization.

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household and reside in home year around
- Home is located in the continental United States
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; program income guideline is based on annual gross income.
- Ownership of home is in the name of the Tribal member
- Home areas in need of repair meet the definition of substandard condition
- Home owners insurance, property taxes and mortgage payments must be up to date and in good standing
- Amount of assistance: Up to maximum of \$7500.00 per household

We have received the 2007 LIHEAP Award Funding are accepting applications now.

***LIHEAP**

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (Heat Source – Natural Gas, Propane, Electric, Coal, Fuel Oil and Wood)

This is a grant funded program to provide assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a heating crisis and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)

- Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level, number of family members and available funding.
- Priority is given to Elders, Disabled and Single parents of young children.
- Eligible if someone in the household is receiving SSI benefits or are receiving Food Stamps

Well and Septic Program

The Well and Septic is an Indian Health Services (IHS) funded program. This program promotes health and safety for our tribal members by providing new or renovated sanitation facilities (Well and Septic). This program is available in the nine county service areas, there is no income requirement. Applicant must be;

- a. Enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
- b. Reside in the nine county service areas (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)
- c. Home must be the primary residence of applicant – (Reside in year around)
- d. Ownership of home/site must be in the tribal member's name.
- e. Project Site meets the I.H.S Eligibility Requirements.

NEW PROGRAMS

***Emergency Transportation Assistance**

The Emergency Transportation Assistance Program assists members experiencing a transportation crisis.

Program scope for assistance is repair or replacement of mechanical and/or electrical items required for proper vehicle operation and maintenance of safety items.

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Vehicle ownership is in the name of the Tribal member or a residence verified permanent member of the household
- Vehicle areas in need of repair meet the scope of the program.

Amount of assistance – Up to maximum of \$400.00 per household and applicant per year

Elder Chore Assistance Program

The Elder Chore Assistance assists elders age 55 and older. This program is intended to provide limited, short-term financial assistance to eligible Elder members who are disabled and are limited in their ability to perform routine household chores essential to their health and safety and have no other recourse for assistance.

There is no income requirement for this program. Elder must be a permanent member of the household and must provide proof of a permanent or temporary physical disability. Temporary disability shall be for no less than 30 days and shall be verified by documented evidence of temporary disability from a qualified mental health professional or medical professional. Permanent disability shall be verified by documented evidence from a qualified mental health professional or medical professional.

The assistance for elder chore services are identified in the categories below;

- a. Snow Removal from drive way and sidewalks
- b. Weather stripping around doors and windows
- c. Grass cutting, leaf raking and removal, general clearing of debris around home
- d. Gutter cleaning
- e. General cleaning of the household including but not limited to dusting and cob web removal, vacuuming, trash removal, bathroom cleaning of toilets and water closets, dishwashing, laundry, scrubbing floors and walls, cleaning of appliances, washing windows, stripping and making of beds
- f. Circumstances that are outside the scope of items listed may be applicable to the program scope only if left un-serviced poses a threat to the health and safety of the elder.

Amount of Assistance – Up to maximum of \$400.00 per household and applicant per year

INCOME GUIDELINES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ON PAGE 23

Members Assistance Program Income Guideline

Family Size	Federal Poverty Income Guideline (100%)	LRBOI Criteria Annual Income (175% of FPIG)	3 Month Income Criteria - LRBOI
1	\$9,800	\$17,150	\$4,288
2	\$13,200	\$23,100	\$5,775
3	\$16,600	\$29,050	\$7,263
4	\$20,000	\$35,000	\$8,750
5	\$23,400	\$40,950	\$10,238
6	\$26,800	\$46,900	\$11,725
7	\$30,200	\$52,850	\$13,213
8	\$33,600	\$58,800	\$14,700

Federal Income Guideline provided by: Federal Register Part V. Department of Health and Human Services Dated January 24, 2006

HOUSEHOLD INCOME – Household income eligibility determination is based on three months income prior to application. Applicant must provide proof of income for three months. Applicant and/or permanent household member shall complete the zero income form for periods within the three months where there is no income generated. Income requirement includes all individuals in household age 18 and older.

Income Deductions for income based programs- Medical and/or dental bills and child support paid three months prior to application may be deducted from income. Proof of payment must be provided with application to receive deduction. Proof: receipt and proof of payment for medical/dental bills and proof of payments to child support.

*Program can be accessed by the Parent or Guardian of a member who has not reached the age of 18 or the legal guardian of a member who has been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to require legal guardian over the person and/or affairs, provided that the guardian is not the State of Michigan or other state government.

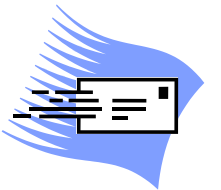
Please contact the Members Assistance Department for complete program information and/or to request an application.

Amber Moore – Intake Clerk
Linda Wissner – Intake Clerk
Lee A. Ivinson – Members Assistance Coordinator

Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288
Fax 231-398-6748

Announcement from the Members Assistance Department

Keeping Address Information Current



The programs available in the Members Assistance Department require an up to date address on file with the Enrollment Department. If you have recently moved, please update your address.

When departments send out a mass mailing to the membership the address information is obtained from the Enrollment Department. When mail is returned to the tribe up to 3 times, the address is changed to inactive and will not show up on a mailing list. Only after you have corrected the address with the Enrollment Department will you continue to receive mail from the tribe. If you know of someone who has moved, please relay this information to them.

Also, when you have changed your address with the Enrollment Department please establish a change of address and a forwarding address with the post office at the same time to insure any mailings sent out prior to your change of address will be forwarded to your new address.

If you are a non-tribal member who is the parent or legal guardian of a tribal member minor, please make sure your legal custodial documents are on file with the Enrollment Department. This will assist in the processing of assistance that can be accessed on behalf of the minor. As a reminder when accessing assistance on behalf of a tribal member minor, the minor must be a permanent resident of the household.

If you need a Change of Address Form please contact the Enrollment Department.

Please help us in helping you by keeping current with your address

Kchi-Miigwetch!!



MOTOR FUELS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2006

The Members Assistance Department has received numerous requests for explanation of the Motor Fuels Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide assistance for the basic necessity of motor fuel for the citizens of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Assistance is available to enrolled members age 18 or older as of September 15, 2006.

Amount of Assistance: A bank card in the amount of \$500.00 will be issued to the eligible member for the use of motor fuels purchases.

Deadline for Submission of Application: **December 31, 2006.** Applications will not be accepted after this date. Applications will be processed in the order they are received.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

a. The use of the gas card is for the purchase of gas only. Gas card shall not be used for purchase of general merchandise, food, tobacco products or alcohol.

b. Original proof of purchase receipts for gas purchase must be returned to the Members Assistance Department no later than February 20, 2007. Receipt must identify use of the gas card for gas purchase only.

c. Under NO circumstances are substitute receipts acceptable. Substitute receipts are gas purchased with cash, check, money order or personal credit card.

d. Lost or stolen gas card replacement will be at your cost in accordance with card instructions. The cost to replace the card is \$15.00 and it is deducted from the card.

e. Gas Card must be utilized by the Tribal Member for the use of Tribal Member transportation needs.

~Gas Card Tips~

1. Pay for fuel inside – Guaranteed receipt
2. Mention to the store clerk that the card is for fuel purchase only, this will help when you are purchasing other items that could accidentally get charged to card.
3. Be aware that some stores charge an amount that exceeds your purchase to ensure the purchase will be covered, the amount exceeding the purchase is then credited back to the card once transaction has cleared. Please read information in the Terms and Conditions – Honoring Transactions; Negative Balances
4. You can access your card account and review all transactions on the card online at www.nationalcity.com/giftcard
5. If you have questions about your card please contact National City at 1-866-462-5972.

THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM (FDPIR) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodities to low-income Native American households. No household may participate in both the commodity food program and food stamp program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month.

Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification. In determining who is eligible to receive commodities, there is a guideline on how much income each household can have to be eligible for the program. We are Federally Funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for commodity programs.

The Warehouse provides the following food items:

Mixed Vegetables, Green Beans, Carrots, Kernel Corn, Cream Corn, Peas, Pumpkin, Spinach, Can Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Tomatoes, Tomato Sauce, Apple Sauce, Apricots, Fruit Cocktail, Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, Juices: Cranberry Apple, Grapefruit, Apple, Grape, Pineapple, Tomato, Orange, Instant Potatoes, Can Red Kidney Beans, Vegetarian Beans, Refried Beans, Lima Beans, Pinto Beans, Grt. Northern Beans, Lt. Kidney Beans, Egg Mix, Can Turkey, Frz. Chicken, Can Chicken, Can Beef, Can Beef Stew, Frz. Burger, Can Lunch Meat, Can Tuna, Peanut Butter, Peanuts, Butter, Vegetable Oil, Shortening, Corn Syrup, Can Milk, Instant Milk, Farina, Cheese, Macaroni, Mac N Cheese, Rice, Spaghetti, Oat Meal, Corn Meal, Flour, Wheat Flour, Corn Chex, Circle Oats, Rice Crisp, Wheat Bran, Corn Flakes, Reg. Bakery Mix, Low Fat Bakery Mix, Spaghetti Sauce, Vegetable Soup, Tomato Soup, Egg Noodles, Crackers.
Bonus Items: Frz. Hams, Can Bison Stew, Cranberry Sauce

Warehouse food items may change from time to time.

Guideline Eligibility Chart		
Food Distribution Program monthly income guidelines from the USDA .	Household Size	Income Limit
	1	\$951.00
	2	\$1,234.00
	3	\$1,518.00
	4	\$1,806.00
	5	\$2,112.00
	6	\$2,420.00
	7	\$2,703.00
	8	\$2,986.00
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations net monthly income standards for the the Contiguous United States		
(Effective October 1st, 2006)		
		Each additional member + \$ 284.00

The food distribution program serves 13 counties; you must be in one of these counties in order to be eligible for our services:

Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon , Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.

For more information call :

1-888-723-8288 or 1-231-398-7615 or 1-231-398-6716
Ask for Yvonne Theodore, George Lawrence, or Laurie Jackson
Office hours are: 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M

Contact information for Food Distribution Programs in states other than Michigan will be published in upcoming issues of the *Little River Currnents*.

MISSISSIPPI
Ms. Mary Lane Allen, Director, Food Distribution Division
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
P.O. Box 6010/Choctaw Branch - Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350
Tel: (601) 650-1730 Fax: (601) 650-1670
Email: jchickaway@choctaw.org
Areas of Operation: (1) Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

MONTANA
Mr. Forest Farris
Section Supervisor, Food Distribution Section
Montana Dept of Public Health and Human Services
Inter-Governmental Human Services Bureau
1400 Carter Drive
P.O. Box 202956
Helena, Montana 59620-2956
Tel: (406) 447-4262 Fax: (406) 447-4287
Email: ffaris@mt.gov

Ms. Crystal Big Horn
Director, Food Distribution Program
Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes
P.O. Box 1027
Poplar, Montana 59255
Tel: (406) 768-5321 Fax: (406) 768-5390
Areas of Operation: (1) Fort Peck Reservation

Mr. Victor Connelly
Director, Food Distribution Program
Blackfeet Nation
P.O. Box 3003
Browning, Montana 59417
Tel: (406) 338-7340 Fax: (406) 338-7969
Areas of Operation: (1) Blackfeet Reservation
EMail: blkftfdp@3rivers.net

Ms. Joann Ahenakew
Certification Supervisor
Food Distribution Program
Chippewa-Cree Tribe
Rocky Boy Route, Box 544
Box Elder, Montana 59521
Tel: (406) 395-4315 Fax: (406) 395-4315
Areas of Operation: (1) Rocky Boy’s Reservation

Mr. Michael Pierre
Director, Food Distribution Program
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation
P.O. Box 757

Sweet & Sour Venison Meatballs

Mix together:

- 2lb. ground venison
- ½-1lb. ground pork
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. pepper
- ¼ tsp. red pepper flakes
- ½ cp. Bread crumbs
- 2 eggs

Form into balls and place in baking pan, layer in pan.

- Mix:
- 1 can jellied cranberries
 - 1 bag sauerkraut, press out all liquid
 - ½ cup brown sugar
 - 1 cup barbecue sauce (Sweet Baby Ray's)
 - Dash of Worcestershire sauce

Spread over meatballs.

Cover and bake 375 °- 400 ° until done (1-½ hours)

Little River Casino Resort

Look what's Rolling at the River!



Little River Casino Resort has welcomed the following newly hired preference employees:		
Justin Bunting Willows Food Server	Holly Carey Cocktail Server	Steven Silvis Engineer I
Preference Employees at LRCR celebrating "Years of Service" Anniversaries in December 2006 include:		
Tom Guenthardt Director of Security – 5 Years	Connie Waitner Regulatory Compliance Mgr/Admin.–1 Year	
Judy Grocholski Security Level II/Security – 3 Years	Jaytria Traeger Cage Cashier/Finance – 1 Year	

Educational Sponsored Internship Opportunities at the Little River Casino Resort

We want to remind everyone about the Educational Sponsored Internship Program available at the Little River Casino Resort. This is an opportunity extended to anyone attending an accredited college or university needing to complete a required college/university sponsored internship. As a LRCR intern, you can expect to work on substantive projects, develop professional skills, and benefit from the personal attention of department leaders. There will be weekly meetings, training, and much more that will be mandatory for you to attend and participate in. For more information regarding Educational Internship opportunities, please contact Lisa Sagala, Recruiting Supervisor at 231-398-3858 or 888-568-2244.

Tribal Member Highlight
Connie Waitner - Regulatory Compliance Manager



Connie (Lempke) Waitner grew up in Manistee and is the daughter of the late Lawrence Lempke and tribal elder Anna (Sams) Lempke. She has two sisters, Sandy Lempke-Mezeske, Bonnie Kenny and a brother Butch, who is deceased. She has been married for 37 years to Karl Waitner. The couple has three grown children, Melissa, Karl Jr. and Andrea, thirteen grandchildren and one on the way. Connie's interest in the tribe was perked at age 19 when she attended the first

meeting of the Thornapple Band at Stronach Township Hall. She continued her involvement with the tribe, now known as the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, keeping the incorporation papers active. She was involved in meeting with state and federal officials to pass legislation for the re-affirmation and the negotiation of the state compact. She also was appointed to sit on the first Ad Hoc committee for the establishment of the casino. Prior to the opening of the casino, Connie was appointed to the Gaming Commission and worked on the original Gaming Commission Regulations and Internal Controls. She had to step down from the commission when she was elected to the first Tribal Council. After serving on the Tribal Council she was hired by the tribe and worked as a Gaming Commission Compliance Officer for four years, ensuring that the casino adheres to all federal, state, and tribal

regulations. In December of 2005 Connie was hired as the casino's Regulatory Compliance Manager where her job is to be a resource for all employees at the casino and to deal with regulatory issues on a day to day basis. She also works directly with the Gaming Commission and staff. She is a direct report to the Enterprise Attorney and she supervises the Compliance Officer, Title 31 Compliance Officer, and the Safety Officer. In addition to her fulltime position, Connie began an aggressive fulltime schedule of attending college this fall. Her goal is to obtain a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Ferris State University. When asked about the future of the tribe Connie states that she believes we should be planning now, this is the only way to secure longevity for future generations. She would like to see the tribe focus on education, support for elders, allow eight bloods as members, mentor each other in the work force, grow as a government and exercise our sovereignty.

JOBS AT LRCR

To obtain Job Descriptions or to apply for positions at the Little River Casino Resort, please call: 888-568-2244 and ask to speak to a Recruiting Representative

For up-to-date Job Postings, please visit our website at: lrcr.com and go to the employment section.

You may also call HR toll-free at 888-568-2244 or call the Job Hotline at: 800-806-4348. The website and hotline are updated as positions become available.

Happy Birthday!

I would like to wish my daughter Jessica Macklam a happy 25th birthday (01-5)
- Love MOM

Happy 18th Birthday to Jonah Gumieny (Jan 20th)
- Love Mom, Dad and Justin

Happy Birthday Andrew Summers (Jan 18th)
- Love, Aunt Mary, Uncle Joe, Justin and Jonah

Happy Birthday mom (14th Dec.)
-I love you, Linda
Happy Birthday Dale Chandler (Jan 28th)
- Love, Sis

Happy Birthday Brother Joshua from your little sister Breanna Marie.

Happy birthday to Aunt Tina, Grama McClellan, and Grampa McClellan from Breanna Banana.

Happy 62nd Birthday Ron Barwacz (01/31) We dig you Big Brother
-Love your sisters

To Patty Austin Happy 47th Birthday on Jan 19! you go Girl!
-from Butch and Clan

To Billy Gilhouse Happy 47th Birthday Can you blow out all of your candles at one time? Enjoy your day Jan 19th
- From Butch and family

Wishing you a very Happy Birthday: Jennifer Woods (Dec. 30th)
Joan Burkhart (Dec. 31st)
Sandy Chandler (Dec. 19th)
- Love, Valerie & Matthew

Happy Birthday to our Mommy! We love you lots,
- Nathan & Katelyn

Happy Birthday Michael Sprague (12-31)
Happy Belated Birthday!

Happy Belated Birthday to Bonnie, Tim, Justin and Janette
- Love, Mary

Happy Belated 26th birthday to Liz Stone
- Love from Kimberly, Scott, Joshua and Breanna Alexander and I know your already counting the days for next years birthday.

Happy Belated birthday to Sydney Thomas
- From Breanna Alexander.

Happy Belated Birthday Corey Austin Dec 27th You made it to 16!!
-Love Aunt Patty and Uncle Bill

Happy Belated Birthday Ray Quain you are 8 you are growing strong!
-Love Aunt Patty, Uncle Billy, & Calvin

Happy Belated birthday Nicole Clyne!
-Love Butch, Bronsen, Blaque, Rachel, Patty, Bill, and Gavin

Happy Belated Birthday to Joshua McClellan who is turning 15 on December 28th from you Mom, Dad, and Sissy Breanna watch out 1 more year people he will be driving.

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Nikki Conklin and Nathan Dean on the birth of their daughter, Zaria Diamond Lee Dean. She arrived on October 31st weighed 6lb 11 oz and was 20 inches long. She will join her little brother Andre Dean.
- Best wishes to them all from the family

Michelle Dean announces the birth of her daughter, Alexa Dean. She was born on September 10th.
- From the Dean Family.

Thank you

Thank you to my family and friends for making my 50th Birthday a happy and memorable one. Special thanks to Janette and Marty, Tim, Dale, Alice and my dear husband Joe!! Thank you to my son, Justin, for the wonderful dinner at Boones Long Lake Inn.
- Mary Gumieny

Thank you to all my friends at LRB. You have made the last two years

unforgettable! Thank you for your support when I needed it and for listening when I talked (sometimes endlessly :-). Follow your dreams and keep the fire alive!
I will carry you with me,
- Four winds, Em

Congratulations!

Congratulations Brian King on your big 8-point buck, you go big guy
- Love, Yvonne Theodore

Congratulations Joshua on passing your driving test with a 92!

Congratulations to Emily on Finally Graduating with an MBA from MSU! Good Luck with all your future plans! Have a great time in Canada!
- Your friends at LRB

Just Because...

Good-bye and good luck to Emily Drouin, your smile and company will truly be missed and never forgotten.
- Nate

Merry Christmas!

The Natural Resource Department Wishes Everyone Happy Holidays



Merry Christmas to our family and friends from the Alexander Family, Deb, Don, Liz, Levi, Josh, Matt, Israel, Merry Christmas from your buddy Joshua McClellan you're a wonderful family to me.

Merry Christmas and safe and happy holidays to all !
- From the Currents

Happy New Years!
To all LRBOI may this year be filled with much love and joy!
-Love Angela Eagle and kids

December 4, 2006

Dear Tribal Members and Staff:

Many of you know that December will be my last month of work with the Tribe because I will become the full-time probate judge in Benzie County on January 2, 2007. I am currently a part-time judge, so I have been allowed to contract with the Tribe for legal services because of that status. As a full-time judge I can no longer practice law, so I have to end my services for Tribal members.

I began working for the Legal Assistance Program when it began in July 2001. For over five years it was my privilege to meet with many of you and talk with even more of you by phone regarding legal issues in your lives. The work was very rewarding for me as I saw so many of you meet life challenges with courage, integrity and often humor! I will really miss the positive interaction and the warm welcome I always received.

I am saddened as I think of the end of my regular association with all of you. I do hope you will stop by at the government center if you are ever in Beulah during business hours, and I will come to visit whenever I am in Manistee. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, and for the many moments of laughter and goodwill that we have shared. I believe that empowerment of Tribal members is critical to the future of the Tribe, and I am grateful for the chance to have been a part of that effort. I will forever hold you in my heart.

Sincerely,
Nancy Kida

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The following pieces were
fired 3 times to get the deep
grey background color from
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Left - 'Green Leaves & Dragon Fly'

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2006 Children's Christmas Party



LRBOI Employee of the Month



At last week's Staff Luncheon, the Employee Recognition Committee presented Loretta Staff from Accounting with the award as the Employee of the Month. She received a certificate and is receiving a \$50 Downtown Dollar gift card.

Loretta had multiple nominations from her co-workers and the choice by the committee was unanimous. She is a great lady and has done a lot for the tribal government over the years.

A full report will appear in the next Currents.



Thank you to Mary Thomas and all the other volunteers who helped make the Children's Christmas Party a success! It was greatly appreciated.